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Sir:

In an Office Action dated December 9, 2003, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: (1) Acinox, Calamintha, Clinopodium, Glechoma, Hyssopus, Lavandula, Lycopus, Melissa, Mentha, Nepeta, Origanum, Prunella, Rosmarinus, Saliva, Satureja, and Thymus for the plant biomass, and (2) coffee, salsa, and red wine for the food/beverage product. The Examiner required an election of a single disclosed species for both the plant biomass and the food/beverage product for prosecution on the merits. Currently, claims 1-3, 8-13, 15, 18-23, 26 and 28 are generic.

An election is made without traverse to prosecute the species *Rosamarinus* for the plant biomass and the species coffee for the food/beverage product for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-3, and 6-29 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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